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1. The Pioneers are the youngest Communists, ranging in age from seven to twelve. The Pioneers have ranks, some kind of blouses, neckerchiefs and flags. The teachers of the Pioneers are young men and women from the Youth Organisation. Their teaching is very materialistic, explaining subtly that there is no God. They try to wean the children away from home influences and from the Church. The children are given lunch in school and are shown plays and special cinema performances which emphasize the Communist Party doctrine. They are taught to admire Tito, Stalin, Marx, et al.
2. Every weapon is being used by the Communists in Yugoslavia to combat religion. The Easter festival of Urbica has been forbidden. In Serbia the celebration of Urbica always took place the week before Easter. All the children were given new clothes and toy bells, and marched in a ceremonial parade. Since this custom has been suppressed, the Communists have arranged picnics and other such outings on the same day as a substitute.
3. All parochial schools in Zagreb have been closed. The teaching of religious subjects is forbidden.
4. The Youth Organization, headed by Dugonjic Rata and Komar Slavko, is completely dominated by the party and is one of the most important means of educating Communists. The Youth Organization is organized with all kinds of boards and staffs so that all members can participate in some activity.
5. The Youth Organization is used extensively as an intelligence network. Representatives are placed in every office and factory. There are meeting groups in every block, in women's organizations and in street organizations. Members keep records of attendance at meetings, check up on whether volunteers do their work, and monitor conversations. Promotions go to the most useful members of the Youth Organization. Many members belong to the group in order to get jobs, promotions, and positions in the Government. Members can become candidates to be a Party Member.
6. Schools and courses are open only to party members. A journalists school trains party members who are to work on newspapers. This course lasts six months. A trade-commercial school is also open only to party members. Army schools are open only to selected students.

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8. The Yugoslav people are tired of the continual propaganda barrage. They pay little attention to the Greek situation. Speeches of President Truman usually create quite an impression even though published in abbreviated form.

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